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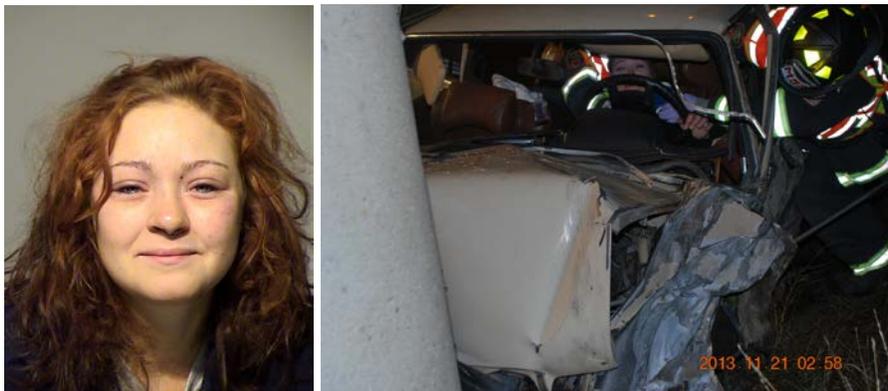
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### Wrong Way Drunken Driver Crashes on Freeway, DUI-2<sup>nd</sup> 1009<sup>th</sup> Repeat Offender Since January 2010



Milwaukee, WI – This morning at 1:03 a.m., MCSO dispatch received a 911 call reporting a wrong way driver traveling westbound in the eastbound lanes of I94 at 84<sup>th</sup> Street. Multiple squads responded. At 1:04 a.m., a Wisconsin State Patrol trooper advised dispatch of a crash at US45 southbound at Bluemound Road.

The white 1975 Mercedes Benz heading northbound in the southbound lanes had crashed head-on into a bridge pillar in the right distress lane. The driver, Kara M. Whitlow, age 23, of Waukesha, was trapped in the vehicle, but did not sustain life-threatening injuries.

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**A blue 2005 Jeep, was in the right lane further south of the crash, and had been struck by the wrong way driver. One of the two occupants complained of minor injuries, is six weeks pregnant, and was transported to Froedtert Hospital.**

**A third vehicle, a 2005 red Dodge Magnum was in the right lane south of the Mercedes, and had struck the front driver side tire of the Mercedes, which had come off when the wrong way driver struck the Jeep. Neither of the two occupants of the Dodge was injured.**

**Wauwatosa Med Units evaluated all subjects. Whitlow was extricated from her vehicle by the Wauwatosa Fire Department and conveyed to Froedtert Hospital for treatment of a broken foot and facial lacerations.**

**Whitlow was arrested for 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety, DUI-2<sup>nd</sup> Causing Injury, and OAR/OWI-related. If convicted of all charges, she faces up to 17 years in prison. Her prior DUI conviction is from March 2012. Whitlow stated she had consumed two glasses of wine and one vodka beverage at On the Border, and two beers at Paulie's, 8031 W. Greenfield Avenue. She also said she had smoked marijuana earlier that day. She entered the freeway the wrong way at 84<sup>th</sup> Street.**

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